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# *The University of Dayton*

## *News Release*

"OH, MR. FAULKNER, DO YOU WRITE?"  
TO BE PRESENTED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

DAYTON, Ohio, March 17, 1989--Audience members will be able to meet literary great William Faulkner as he is portrayed by actor/playwright John Maxwell when the University of Dayton presents "Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write?," the final production of the 1988-89 Creative Voices series.

"Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write?" will be presented on Thursday, March 30 at 8 p.m. in Kennedy Union's Boll Theatre on campus. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased at the box office, which opens 45 minutes before the production.

The drama opens in Faulkner's office at Rowan Oak in Oxford, Miss., where Faulkner has just been told he has won the Nobel Prize for literature. A stubborn recluse, Faulkner refuses to go to Stockholm to accept the prize. From his office, Faulkner proceeds to take the audience with him to Hollywood, Europe and the inner recesses of his mind. Maxwell skillfully moves the audience from "spectators and intruders into Faulkner's world to being friends and confidants" of the writer as they encounter Faulkner's views on war, women, God, race and other writers, such as Ernest Hemingway. Also included are moving recollections of family and long-time servants, with the memory of his brother's death being especially vivid and emotional.

An ex-college professor and native Mississippian, Maxwell began collaborating in 1980 with Tom Dupree to write the one-man, multi-media show, which is taken from Faulkner's letters, speeches and public appearances rather than his writings. Since then, he has earned a living touring several states and foreign countries with the show.

For more information on "Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write?," call 229-ARTS.

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